



PARISH OFFICE : 302 High St Maitland
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ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St &
New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am
Youth Mass 6.00pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)
Maitland

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy,
Campbell's Hill **Vigil 6.30pm**

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs
Sunday 8.00am.

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church
Sts, Paterson - **Sunday 9.30am**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth
Sunday 7.15am.

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905),
55 New England Hwy, Lochinvar
Sunday 9.30am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947),
Cnr Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave,
Beresfield
Vigil 6.00pm.

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St,
Rutherford - **Sunday 8.00am.**

Ministers

All baptised members of the community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad
Asst Priests: Fr Priyantha Fernando
Fr Anil Kuchipudi
Fr Anthony Coloma
Deacon: Christopher Voigt

Presbytery 4934 5783

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Regional Office

Jane Wild, Janine Sidoti, Sandra Buck

Spiritual care of sick & aged in care or at home: Phone office 49338918

Funeral Ministry:
0428 220 997

Safeguarding Promotors

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We are in the country of the Worimi, Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagul, Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



26 August 2026

Letter from Bishop Michael Kennedy to Fr George Anthicad and Parishioners of the Chisholm Region

Rev George Anthicad
Parish Priest
Chisholm Region Parishes

Dear Fr George and Chisholm Parishioners,

Re: Parish Assembly Reports

Thank you for the Parish Assembly Reports for the six Chisholm Region Parishes which I read with great interest. I am encouraged that, for all parishes, relationships were a high priority – both within the community and with a dedicated priest. I note that, in some reports, better communication was seen as key to stronger relationships. I am further encouraged by the lived witness of the region to put this value into practice through this current season of assemblies.

The respective reports also communicated a desire for community members to be more actively involved in the life and mission of the Church. Any changes to our parish structures need to be at the service of the mission to share the life and love of Jesus in the spaces we find ourselves. It is very pleasing indeed that your communities see any future restructuring as a way for parishes to better engage its members as missionary disciples.

Noting the preferences for parish configurations in the assembly reports I wish to inform you that I shall now proceed as follows:

1. In accordance with their stated preference, the parishes of Beresfield and Morpeth will merge and become one parish, to be known as Chisholm Parish, under the pastoral leadership of one Parish Priest. One of the new community's first steps together on this shared journey will be discerning a patron saint for the new Chisholm Parish.
2. In accordance with their stated preference, Lochinvar and Rutherford will be twinned as two parishes pursuing closer collaboration together under the pastoral leadership of one Parish Priest. My own hope is that this may lead to the parishes one day requesting a more formal merger.



A FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

May the Lord bless all those who have
taken on the role of father.
May they be blessed with strength, peace
and purpose.
May the Holy Spirit fill them with
knowledge and understanding so they can
use their understanding to bless others.
May they always know how much we love
and appreciate them.

3. I note Maitland's preference to remain a single parish and East-Maitland's openness to accepting any Mass centres that wish to join them. Therefore, I will for now twin Maitland and East Maitland under the pastoral leadership of one Parish Priest with the assistance of an Assistant Priest. This should not necessarily be seen as a definitive outcome, but as a transition to something more permanent and acceptable to many.

These changes will become effective once new Parish Priests are appointed later in the year. In September, I will begin the process for the selection and appointment of three Parish Priests for the parishes as outlined above. The first step in this process will be my asking the priests of the Diocese to "express their interest" – that is, to inform me whether they would like to be considered for any of these appointments.

To enable this process to begin, Fr George has formally resigned as Parish Priest of Beresfield, Morpeth, East Maitland, Maitland, Rutherford, and Lochinvar. I have accepted his resignation, effective from the date of the appointment of new Parish Priests so that Fr George remains Parish Priest until new Parish Priests are appointed.

It is important for us to consider the order of the 'next steps' so that we not only satisfy the material requirements of this restructuring journey, but that we also use this as an opportunity to build relationships within the newly formed communities and with their respective Parish Priests. For this reason, I recommend postponing the proposed Regional Assembly until such time as new Parish Priests have been installed.

Already, from the reports that have been provided to me, I have a sense of the aspirations of each community for a pastor that 'fits' the journey you are currently on. I would now ask that any formal synodal processes, regional or parish-based, recommence with these new appointments as a means to journey with a new priest and a new community. This should not discourage you from continuing to gather, share, and discern as you currently are doing.

I congratulate you all for your engagement in this important synodal process of Parish Assemblies geared toward our carrying out the mission of the Church as effectively as possible.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

Receiving Holy Communion with Reverence

As the children are currently preparing to receive the Sacraments, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a gentle reminder to all, so that we may give them a good example through our reverence and practice.

Please observe the following guidelines while receiving Holy Communion:

1. You may receive Holy Communion either in the hand or on the tongue. If receiving in the hand, please place one hand over the other, forming a throne, and consume the Host immediately in front of the minister.
2. The Sacred Host must be consumed at once. Please do not walk away holding the Host.
3. Only those who have received their First Holy Communion may receive communion during mass. If an adult or a child has not yet received the First Holy Communion, they may come forward for a blessing with arms crossed over the chest.
4. The Sacred Host must never be shared with others, including children. If your child has not received First Holy Communion, please do not give them the Sacred Host.

I request our practising parishioners to kindly assist others in receiving Holy Communion with reverence.



We pray those who have recently died

Badenden Grado, Emelia Grado, Mary Kearney,
Erwen Lomeda, James Kenneth Murphy (Jim),
Dianne Therese Stolzenhein

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Margaret Allen, Judith Bailey, Richard Breiner,
LTC Apolonia Cabrera, Joan Cahill,
Bernard Vaughan Campbell, Joseph Edmonds,
Margaret Edmonds, John Edmonds, Andrew Ferry,
Bryan Hornery, Thelma Keating, Basil Keating,
Patricia Unicom, Pat McGregor,
Margaret 'Eileen' Palmer, Alison Ramage,
Veronica Warby, George Whiteley, Myra Whiteley

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Lorraine Bartlett, Ronald Bartlett, Patrick Brennan,
Sharon Dzurnskyj, June Carlson, Karen Kenyon,
Solomon Keys, Margaret Knapp, Lesley Marshall,
John O'Reilly, Joan O'Reilly, Jen Phillips,
Margaret Pratt, James (Jim) Smith, Anne
Standing, Carlo Ureta, Julia Ureta,
Amelia Vanhoogstraten, Marc-Zachariah Vicente,
Pauline Wade, Carla Whiting, Paul Anthony Will,
Jo Winkler, Anthony Zysek

We pray for those who will be Baptised

Leah Rose Turnbull, Pippa Louise Turnbull

Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards. We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

Piety Stall

Piety Stall will be **closed** this weekend. Sorry for any inconvenience.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) meetings are on **Thursdays** at 7pm in the Therry Centre. If you or someone you know would like to enquire about becoming a Catholic, you are welcome to attend.

For further inquiries please contact the Parish Office, 49338918 Chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au

Catholic Women's League

Come and celebrate Spring at Telarah Bowling Club on Saturday September 19. Join us for lunch at 12.30 followed by guest speaker Sr Judy Bowe from 2–4pm
More info: Colleen 0427327611 or Margo 0439758211

The **Visitation Ministry** is seeking interest from our Parishioners to join this wonderful group who go to homes of lonely people just to spend sometime with them and let them know someone cares about them. For more information phone Chris Kerr on 0459995960.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

For information on all events throughout the Diocese, please visit

[Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.](#)

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

Tuesday 8th September (*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wednesday 9th September (*St Peter Claver – optional*)

6.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs

Thursday 10th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Friday 11th September

7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Saturday 12th September (*The Most Holy Name of Mary*)

8.00am Mass and **reconciliation**, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Latin Mass - St John the Baptist Oratory Cathedral St Maitland.

Confessions Saturday 3:30pm–4:30pm
Sunday 8.45am – 9:25am

First Sunday of Month Polish Mass

9.00am St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St, Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER/ ADORATION/ ROSARY

Mon 7th September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

5.00pm Rosary, Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill

Tues 8th September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

6.00pm Bible Sharing, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Wed 9th September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Thurs 10th September

9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's East Maitland

Fri 11th September

7.30am Adoration, St. Joseph's East Maitland
9.30am Prayer of the Church,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Sat 12th September

5.30pm Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield